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Big Mountain: the Columbus legacy continues

Leonard Peltier, a member of the American Indian Movement, framed by the FBI and jailed for life for a crime he did not commit. *(See centre pages).*

Hemp for the future

NEWZ

Peoples Centre raided

Following the police raid on the Peoples' Centre in Auckland in April, all ten arrested on the day of the raid and following days have been back to court. Two were convicted of obstruction outside the city courthouse the day after the raid as they left a courtcase for two people arrested previously, while six sat through a gruelling nine days of hearing and giving evidence.

One of those arrested, Sam Buchanan, had been batoned in the eye so hard during the raid that he had two seizures and spent a few days in hospital, the first night in critical care. He later said "Those who doubt that the state has a sense of humour, should note that, having been knocked unconcious by employees of one arm of the state, I then received a bill for repairing the damage from another (the hospital system - that bill is being forwarded to John Banks, the Minister of Police) A bit reminiscent of Terry Gilliam's excellent film "Brazil", in which a police state charges its victims for the cost of torturing them to death. Furthermore, when I had the audacity to complain about the actions of the police, they arrested me on a farcical "Assault on a policeman" charge. For more humour in this vein watch out for our trial in October".

And humourous the trial was. First up was evidence from 20 police, some of whom contradicted each other so badly and had holes in their stories big enough to drive an articulated truck through. On occassion they had the courtroom in laughter (including the judge on occassion) as they described the "windmill-style" flailing of arms and legs supposedly carried out by a couple of the defendants, and a physically impossible act of Buchanan being held up by two others, kicking chest height at police as the two holding him advanced forward, during which Buchanan was allegded to have been struck in the stomach with a baton, dropping to the floor where he was supposed to have been hit by a baton "aimed at stomach height". Anyone who can demonstrate how this is possible can have a lifetime subscription to TSA.

At the beginning of the sixth day, one defendant had the charge of obstruction of police dropped, and another had one of her charges dropped due to lack of police evidence. Two women arrested for supposedly obstructing the arrest of the defendant who has now had the charge against him dropped may have the charges against them dropped also.

All five remaining will have to wait until December 21st to see if they will be convicted.

- R.G.

GNAT Party "bomb"

During the course of the National Party Conference in August, a satchel was discovered unattended in one of the conference rooms. Efforts to locate its owner were to no avail, so it was carefully dragged into an alley where its lock was blown off. The mystery contents were revealed to be National Party papers, and the owner was John Priestly, a senior (G)Nat Party official.

The day the conference started the doors of the National Party offices in Christchurch were glued shut, leaving the people who had shown up to sign a copy of a book to be given to the wife of Rob Muldoon (who had died two days earlier) waiting for 45 minutes while a locksmith opened the doors.

- Info from: NZ Herald and ChCh Press.

Spanish demonstration

19th April 1992 - anarchists along with other groups organised a protest march and concert against EXPO 92 in Seville - the anniversary celebration of 500 years of Spanish colonisation which included the mass genocide of Indians. At the end of the concert it was decided that a demo occur, which many Sevillians were involved in. Residents came out on the streets and joined in. After the demonstrators marched around the city (without a single provocation from the cops) they were ready to break it up. That moment the cops decided to attack. They started beating people with their batons, not only those demonstrating but also passers by. The demonstrators used wood and rubbish from the streets to erect barricades and decided to fight back. Then the cops started shooting. A young woman was shot in the chest and another man was shot in the leg. The remaining 500 persons who were at the tail of the march divided themselves up into small groups. The cops cordoned off the entire area placing 10 vans in surrounding streets and started arresting people. At the same time people in the streets were being bashed. There were even cops in the hospitals arresting people seeking treatment over the event. Official sources quote 10 injuries on the side of demonstrators although the number of wounded cops reached 14. Forty five people were arrested including some comreades from Austria, Germany and a Kurdish man.

On the same night a meeting was organised where representatives from various Indian groups spoke, protesting against colonization and EXPO 92. The following day at 12 midday hundreds of people gathered at the city centre with banners calling for the direct release of all those arrested. Various speakers got up to speak, but a few moments after the speakers finished, cops on motorbikes went around beating people. A lot of people were injured and quite a few taken in. The cops continued chasing people in the entire area. Groups of undercover cops hung around street corners hitting passers by although other groups of cops attacked known meeting places of anarchists. 55 people were taken to lock ups. At 5 in the afternoon, nine groups of cops attacked a place where Indians and anarchists were camped and arrested another 20 people. According to the German consulate in Seville the German comrades who were arrested had been bashed. Three other people were taken to hospital due to bullet wounds. Amongst them is a Basque, who despite the severity of his injury was kept in a police cell all night and not allowed any first aid treatment.

The media spoke only of a demonstration "between punks and skinheads, of attacks against the police". On the evening of the 22nd, the news reached all of Spain thanks to anarchist groups. There were marches of solidarity with those arrested in all major cities, especially San Sebastian, Vittoria etc. On the days that followed, only 10 of the hundred or so people who had been arrested were released. All those arrested say they've been beaten by the cops, who upon beating them got them to lie down and trampled over them.

There is much concern over the non-Spanish comrades - their embassies, with the exception of the German, have displayed no concern over their fate. The Austrian embassy has refused to help the Austrian comrade who is being detained in an unknown jail and has epilepsy. Few names have been released of those arrested;

Ivan Iglesias, Eduardo Canals Garnet, Carlos Calvet Soteras, Pablo Arillo, Asier Valverde are held at Sevilla II prison - Sevilla II/ CRTRA Torrebianca - Mairens Del Akol, KM 3, 41007 Sevilla, Spain

- **Alfonso Lara Garay, Agostin Terenzo Gomez at Sevilla I prison** - C/- Mariano Benn liure 1, 41005 Sevilla. Spain

Nazis run Unemployed forum

In defiance of death threats, members of the NSW Coalition of Unemployed Unions (CUU) as well as members of the anarchist group Jellyheads and other leftist groups, staged a picket outside the "Forum on unemployment" organised by the Unemployed Peoples Union (UPU) in Sydney on September 22.

The picketers drew attention to the fact that the forum and the UPU are supported and assisted by the neo-nazi group National Socialist Defence of Aryan People (NSDAP- the same initials as Hitlers Nazi party).

The forum also featured Liberal Party candidates Burnett O'Brie and David Elliot, both of whom used the platform to sell the Liberal Party's Goods and Services Tax (GST) and proposed a $3.50 an hour "youth wage" to the audience of 20 who attended.

Outside the venue of the forum, organisers had put up a sign saying that nazis were welcome to participate. A journalist who attempted to take a photo of the sign was threatened with assault by a forum organiser. Another organiser responded to a journalists question about the picket by saying the picketers were "all Jews and communists".

Organisers of the CUU picket received more threatening phone calls the night after the forum. One was told to "look at Channel 7" and, when he did so, saw one of the nazi organisers, John Palmer, being interviewed by the programme Real Life in his role as the leader of the Silver Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

The CUU members remain undeterred by the threats of the neo-nazis and are determined to do all in their power to oppose the attempts of the neo-nazis to exploit the unemployed and stir up racism.

- Source: Rebel Worker.

Poetic justice: this toilet brush caricature of Adolf Hitler, is the new creation of Munich designers Boeninger & Blau. Proceeds go to a foundation that helps victims of neo-nazis.

GREECE

On the 20th of July this year, nineteen year old Nikos Papadimitriou, a member of Anarchist Coil who became well known last year for his anti-militarist statements and for refusing to be conscripted, committed suicide. He was to come forward on this day- to the army camp where he had been assigned. After saying goodbye to his family and freinds, and before reaching the army camp, he chose to end his life rather than serve the war machine.

On the 22nd of July Bus drivers have gone on strike over government plans to privatise the public buses and sack 1300 drivers. 300 drivers stopped work and occupied the offices of the bus company. The first 30 sackings occurred today. Later on in the day the occupation ended after the drivers were told there would be mass arrests, but when the drivers walked out they hurled abuse at the cops and quite a number of them were waving planks of wood in their hands.

The busdrivers had a meeting on the 23rd of July. Their trade Union rep said "We dont care about their laws. Our strike will be ongoing until they recognise our demands. We warn all those who stand in our way - they'll experience what they have never experienced during their entire lifetimes" (meaning cops and scabs). One and a half years ago, the drivers went on half day stoppages for a period of 3-4 months.

Another soldier who was serving at Pentagono army camp shot himself. Lately there have been quite a number of soldiers who have committed suicide and army generals are stating that the soldiers are to blame for this!

The government is increasing the price of most everyday goods. Pharmaceuticals are up 19% and from the 1st of August, deregulation of petrol and other such products will occur. There are also planned increases in public transport tickets and from September other measures such as reduced pensions will take effect.

Unemployment is always on the rise. Quite a number of bosses are employing migrants from Poland, Albania, Pakistan etc, obviously so they can give them a lower wage. These workers are excluded from social-medical benefits.

This has resulted in a number of racist attacks. Even trade unions and Left groups are demanding the government take measures against migrant workers.

Daughter acquitted

A French woman who shot dead her neo-nazi father after he terrorised his five daughters and raised them to idolise Hitler was acquitted of murder on May 18, 1992.

A nine-member jury cleared Ida Beaussart, aged 19, of the shooting which happened three years earlier. Her father, Jean-Claude Beaussart, aged 42, was a local leader of the extreme-right French and European Nationalist Party.

- Source: NZ Herald.

Jailed Muscovite @ freed!

The two Moscow anarchists Alexei Rodinov and Alexander Kuznetsov jailed on trumped-up charges of assault on two members of OMON, a secret para-military force linked with the KGB, have now been freed. Their release was proceeded by a successful 15 day hunger strike by members of the Association of Anarchist Movements in the Commonwealth of Independant States, which sought to have the two men let home on bond before their trial, which proved successful.

- Source: Info Bulletin SMOT.

Red Army Faction – ceasefire!

The German urban guerilla organisation Red Army Faction (RAF) released a long statement earlier this year which included some heavy self-criticism. It was partly a reaction to the Kinkel Initiative (a State initiative for a so-called "political solution" to end the escalation of violence) which offered less restrictive prison conditions and early releases for the longest serving RAF prisoners.

The most interesting point however is the RAF's confession in the statement that after 20 years they now consider their concept of struggle as a failure because they are politically isolated and have lost touch even with the "others who stood up as well" i.e. the radical left and resistance movement. All those years they claimed a vanguard position that represented the only anti-imperialist force "in the heart of the beast" and followed an urban guerilla concept related to the Third World revolutionary movements. Now they say they are willing to give up this concept, which was accompanied by an extremely elitist avant-garde pretension, in favour of the creation of a "new process of a strong counter-movement (anti-state) from below". To realise this process, room for discussion and communication between any "already existing structures" and all those "who are in search of the realisation of an alternative society" must be created. They also emphasise the necessity of the realisation of alternative positive values today in everyday life, in a kind of counter society which they failed to develope due to their policy (and illegality) which was "reduced to mere attacks on imperialists".

All this existed in theory and practice in the squatting and social movements and is even part of the autonomous movement, but was never acknowledged as being part of the resistance by the RAF itself. They put their "shoot to kill" policy forward as the only meaningful strategy.

Up to now, the German regime has obviously welcomed the RAF's announcement to end the violence, but doesn't think of meeting their demands.

-Source; 56a Info Shop Bulletin.

Russian nukes dumped at sea

Earlier this year Greenpeace released information confirming that 12 submarine nuclear reactors and 3 icebreaker nuclear reactors were dumped in the waters off the coast of Novaya Zembla. One whole submarine, the K-27, powered by a liquid-metal cooled reactor, was dumped in the Stepovov Gulf after an accident in May 1968. Its two fueled nuclear reactors were dumped in the same location in 1982.

Brought To Light

Eight reactors, three of which still contain their nuclear fuel, were dumped with sections of of four accident-damaged nuclear submarines in waters just south of the K-27. The submarine sections were dumped during the years 1964-65.

Five more reactors litter the seabed, including the three damaged reactors of the icebreaker "Lenin". Over 17,000 containers of liquid and solid radioactive waste were also dumped; the location of some 10,000 containers has now been made public.

- Source: Ekomedia Norway.

Anarchism in Peru

The situation of anarchists in Peru is very desperate. Peru is a country where every day is a struggle to survive. Besides being controlled by a very repressive regime, there are also tensions between anarchists and the Maoist guerillas of the Shining Path. Meetings of anarchists have to be held in secret for fear of being arrested. Despite this, the Colectivo Anarquista Libertario, which is based in Lima, manage to put out two different periodicals. They are La Protesta (The Protest) which is a general anarchist magazine, and Bandera Negra (Black Flag) which is of a more anarcho-syndicalist nature.

Anarchist activity is also found in some northern cities, including Ayacucho, where they have to be extra-careful as the city is controlled by the military, and is also the birthplace of the Shining Path.

One anarchist, Andres Villaverde, was arrested in October 1991 and has been imprisoned since then. In prison he has been threatened by both agents of the state and by the Shining Path.

The anarchists estimate that if the war between the state and the Shining Path continues the way it is, the Shining Path will win in about five years. After that they are just as fearful of the general situation as much as now (remember Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge?).

- Source: Bayou La Rose

"Weed & Seed" – towards fascism

Operation "Weed & Seed" is a US Federal law enforcement programme administered by the Justice Department and the FBI. This will place cops into Blace communities to "weed" out so-called undesirables and place them in Federal prisons. They can seize private property, cause folks to lose Social Security, Welfare and other benefits if they do not co-operate with cops. A state of emergency (Martial Law) can be declared with the FBI and National Guard governing the strfets; the use of concentration camps ("Boot camps"), street sweeps - in which every person in a designated area can be arrested, and so-called "seed" money will be under the control of police.

This apartheid-style programme is aimed at 15 urban areas in the US. New mandatory Federal sentencing laws would be substituted for local and state laws. These sentences (up to 30 years) are with no possibility of parole.

- Source: Bayou La Rose.

Aboriginal legal victory

Ten years after Murray Islanders bought their case before the Australian Supreme Court, a ruling that recognises the prior occupation of Australia by Aboriginal before Europeans has finally been made by the Australian Supreme Court.

The indigenous peoples of Australia are not even mentioned in the Australian Constitution. [In fact, they were only officially recognised as "human beings" a few decades ago. Before that they were regarded as "fauna"]. It's only been in the last 20 years that questions about compensation, land rights or treaties have been raised for public debate.

- Source: Anarchist Age Monthly Review.

Columbus Day demos

October 12 1992 was the day marking the 500th year of Columbus' "discovery" of the Americas. It was a day also of counter demonstrations world-wide by those remembering the suffering of indigenous American peoples since that "discovery" up to the present day.

In Auckland it was marked by a low-key march and rally organised by various Latin American groups, in particular the Peruvian Peoples Committee. Throughout the Americas though the demonstrations were a lot more vocal, with dozens of Indian groups declaring that Columbus never

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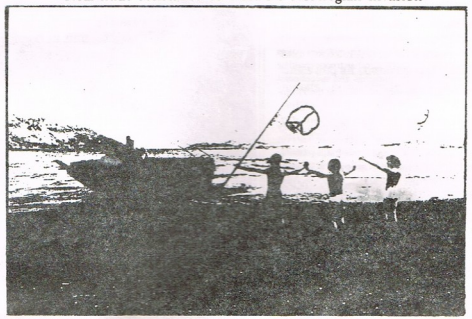
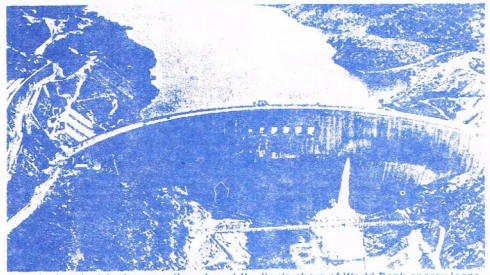
Near-nude resistance to NATO's Norwegian invasion



- Source: Ekomedia Norway.

When NATO forces staged a mock invasion of northern Norway earlier this year with 140 ships, 270 planes, 70 helicopters and 45,000 soldiers, they were greeted by an array of protest groups, including the near-nude dudes pictured above, braving the cold in just their underpants and boots.



Huge hydro-electric dams continue to get the lion's share of World Bank energy loans.

Tribal Resistance in India

In India, the Narmada Valley Development Project plans to build 3,000 small dams, 135 medium-sized ones, and 30 major dams; which together would force over one million people to relocate.

Many different tribal groups are affected, and are working together to fight the project, but are having difficulty fighting such a massively funded scheme.

The World Bank has recently agreed to evaluate the human and environmental impacts of one of the biggest dams, the Sardar Sarovar, but the larger struggle is far from over. A united front of tribes at risk and their non-tribal neighbours, using their own funds, have produced a video on the development plan, and with the help of a jeep-mounted generator, has toured from village to village to show the video and help the residents organise.

Street theatre, posters and marches of tens of thousands of protestors are all helping to spread the word. The protests are often met with brutal repression by government authorities (destruction of equipment, physical violence and arrests) but the people have no plans to slow down their opposition.

- Source: Bayou La Rose

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discovered them because they were never lost.

About 100 drum-beating US Indians marched in front of the United Nations to demand a permanent seat on the Security Council. In Bolivia, 50,000 peasant farmers marched in protest in the capital, La Paz, and in Potosi, the legendary mine where Spanish conquistadors (conquerers) forced indigenous Bolivians to dig for silver.

In neighbouring Chile, several thousand Mapuche Indians also marched in several cities.

In Mexico, thousands gathered in the capital's historic main plaza, with a statue of Columbus being splashed with red paint, symbolic of the blood spilled by the invaders. This was also carried out in San Salvador.

Militarism in Australia

The most common role for Australian troops since WW2 has been in so called police actions like Vietnam and peace keeping forces in Africa and the Middle East. This role will probably continue to be the primary focus for Australian militarism in the context of the new world order as there is no serious percievable threat to Australia. However the political situation in several of our near neighbours makes it increasingly likely that Australian troops could be sent to repress popular uprisings and succesionist struggles in countries such as PNG and the Philippines.

Although there is disagreement within the military hierarchy about the combat readiness of reserves with only one years full time training it is probable that ready Reservists could be called up in the event of a serious prolonged 'emergency' in the S.E. Asian region; the stage is set for another Vietnam, only this time the U.S. will have increased confidence and will be operating in an atmosphere of co-operation with the many nations now subscribing to the new world order scenario. Already that new world order is being shown to be very shakey; with Yugoslavia, Haiti and the troubles in the former USSR being the most obvious examples of the break up of the former imperialist order.

It is therefore necessary that the peace movement in Australia, such as it is, be aware of the nature of the push to involve Australian youth in militarism. A significant motivation for the ready reserve is that the government be seen to be doing something about unemployment. Young unemployed, students and low income unskilled workers will be encouraged to join by the glossy packaging, wages and sense of self-worth offerred by the Reserve. After one year of full time training 4 years of part time service follows; students can defer studies, recieve scholarships from the army and the service requirements are co-ordinated with university timetables. The promotional material offers all the usual hype about what great career opportunities are avaliable after service; how employers will be impressed by Reserve service discipline etc etc. Not so prominent is the actual role Reservists will play in an 'emergency', and of course their opinion will not be sought at the time.

There is a common conception among young people that one could join the army or reserve and then, at the time of war, just take off. This is a serious miscalculation. In the fine print of the glossy promo it states "A **member may 'request discharge' before completing the initial service obligation having first given three months notice in writing, exept during; times of war or defense emergency, a period when the member has been called out for full time service, a period for which the member has volunteered full time service**" In other words, you are legally obliged to serve and must give three months notice even when no war is looming. In the turbulent state of world affairs at the moment three months is not a long time; who knows what may blow up at any moment. The actual terms used for call up periods ar also disconcerting; of course we all know what war is but what is a 'defense emergency' and then there is the catchphrase "**otherwise in times of war or defense emergency, for the defense of Australia**". This must surely refer to the possibility of internal unrest, such as at the time of the coal strike in 1948, when troops were used to defeat the miners. No one should be under any illusions; a nation states army exists to control its own people as well as those of other countries.

Paul, Brisbane

Anarchist Punk Movement - Brazil

We recently got a letter from a group in Brazil who call themselves the Anarchist Punk Movement. They do a radio show called the "Free 107 Radio" which they use for diseminating anarchist ideas, and are based in Florianopolis.

The Anarchist Punk Movement held a demonstration on 8 September against compulsory military service. About 60 attended and it recieved a lot of media attention judging by the news cuttings sent to TSA; but it also recieved the attention of the Military Police, as the photo below shows.

PUNKS SÃO DETIDOS NA FESTA DA INDEPENDÊNCIA

OPINION

Political Satisfaction

I find that for myself, I am most satisfied politically: when every person is helped to become aware of his or her own power and strength: when each person participates fully and responsibly in every decision which affects him or her; when group members learn that the shaping of power is more satisfying than endeavouring to use power to control others; when the group finds ways of making decisions which accomadate the needs and desires of each person; when every member of the group is aware of the consequences of a decision, on its' members and on the external world; when each person enforces the group decision through self-control of his or her own behaviour; when each person feels increasingly empowered, strengthened; when each person, and the group as a whole, is flexible, open to change, and regards increasingly empowered, strengthened; when each person, and regards previous decisions as being always open for reconsideration.

Carl Rogers

International Circle

Greetings and Salutations!

This is Darren Down, here in San Diego and I thought that the readers of your publication would mbe interested in knowing about a project I've recently started. It's the 'International Circle' a contact zine. The purpose of which is to foster and encourage a greater amount of communication amongst the anarchist community at large and to help break down the feeling of isolation for anti-authoritarians in small towns and such. It's a cross between a penpal zine and the international blacklist that will come out on a monthly basis. To put your classified ad in (limit 50 words) send your name, address and 50 cents to cover printing and postage costs. Outside of U.S pease send the U.S equivalent of 75 cents in I.R.C.'s (when mailing coins please have them taped to an index card or something) to Darren

Clare Perez P.O Box 179218 San Diego, CA 92177 U.S.A. P.S Any bands, travelling nomads and such please get in contact with me if you even think you might be coming here and I'll do my best to book you a show, set you up and generally make your visit as good as one as I can, thanks and take care!

Darren, San Diego

Change from Within?

Dear State Adversary,

I work for the state! I am a government employee trying my darndest to subvert the system. The Department of Survey and Land Information -Oink! I have leanings towards the Green Party, but I realise joining a party limits one's effectiveness for social change. I believe infiltration into the system, working from within is the only way to change it. Opposing it only causes power - power can only exist when there is opposition. Is it totally out of the question for Anarchism to be integrated with a form of decentralised government? I may not totally agree with anarchism as it stands as no doubt you don't agree with any form of government, but you could perform a great watchdog function as feedback for government.

I enjoy your magazine.

Mathew, Auckland

Abolish Capitalism

The objectives of the 'equal rights for women' movement in reality will guarantee that men and women will be exploited under capitalism on the same basis, without discrimination. However, the wages system, no matter what the adjustments, will still ensure the production of surplus values over and above wages paid. The workers, male and female alike, will recieve no compensation for the labour time during which surplus values are produced. That is how exploitation and the genesis of profits is accomplished - a process tantamount to legalised robbery.

Some aspire to women having the same rights as men to be maimed and slaughtered in times of war - this is for the private-property interests of the ruling minority.

Surely it is about time to realize that there is nothing sacrosanct about capitalism. Why not adjust your sights in contemplating its removal instead of its reformation?

Should this ever happen, the wages system will be eliminated. Men and women throughout the world will then truly have an equality worthy of social and humanitarian acceptance. They will have free access to satisfy their need, producing solely for use and not for profit, without money, coupons or barter. Wars will be non-existent and neither of the sexes will ever be called upon again for senseless sacrifices. How about that for a 'New World Order?'

Samuel Leight

Abolish the State!

The state is the organised authority, domination, and power of the possessing classes over the masses ... **the most flagrant, the most cynical, and the most complete negation of humanity.** It shatters the universaolp solidarity of all people on the earth, and brings some of them into association only for the purpose of destroying, conquering, and enslaving all the rest. ... This flagrant negation of humanity which constitutes the very essence of the State is, from the standpoint of the State, its supreme duty and its greatest virtue... Thus, to offend, to oppress, to despoil, to plunder, to assassinate or enslave one's fellow person is ordinarily regarded as a crime. In public life, on the other hand, from the standpoint of patriotism, when these

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things are done for the greater glory of the State, for the preservation or the extension of its power, it is all transformed into duty and virtue ... This explains why the entire history of ancient and modern states is merely a series of revolting crimes; why kings and ministers, past and present, of all times and all countries-statesmen, diplomats, bureaucrats, and warriors-if judged from the the standpoint of simply morality and human justice, have a hundred, a thousand times over earned their sentence to hard labor or the gallows. There is no horror, no cruelty, sacrilege, or perjury, no imposture, no infamous transaction, no cynical robbery, no bold plunder or shabby betrayal that has not been or is not daily being perpetrated by the representatives of the states, under no other pretext than those elastic words, so convenient and yet so terrible: **"for reasons of state".**

M. Bakunin, Russia

CONQUISTADOR means "conqueror". One who gains by force, who subjugates. Which is what George Bush and King Juan Carlos of Spain will celebrate whan they greet the tall ships symbolic arrival in Liverpool later this year, The gaining by force of an entire continent and the subjugation of its Native peoples. 500 years of mass-murder, torture, rape and slavery.

When Columbus arrived in 1492, the Americas had an estimated population of 90 million people. By 1790 the Native population stood at 20 million. The onslaught continues.

A KINDER, GENTLER, GENOCIDE

For the Native population of Bush's "kinder, gentler America", life is oppression : -

Unemployment on the reservations is between 50-80%

The infant mortality rate is 3 times the national average

The tuberculosis rate is 8 times the national average

25% of Native women have been sterilised without informed consent

25-35% of all Native children under 18 are removed from their families by "child welfare" and fostered, adopted or instutionalised

Another 27% are forcibly boarded out by the racist Bureau of Indian Affairs

The average life expectancy for Native Americans is 47 years

(Source: Women of all Red Nations)

But there is, and always was, resistance. Every decade since 1492 has witnessed indiginous revolt, from Alaska to Chile. The Seminole wars of 1812-36 saw Native Indians joining with runaway Afrikan slaves and some marginalised whites to form a powerful anti-state force. Similar alliances were formed in S. America and the Caribbean. Such joint resistance must be a model for todays fightback, a fact recognised in the Declaration of Quito, drawn up in 1990 by 120 Native delegates from all the Americas. The declaration states "We must march alongside the peasants, the workers and the marginalised sectors...in order to destroy...oppression and construct a new society" **One world, one people...one struggle.**

CONFRONTING COLUMBUS

In October 1991 a mass in honour of Columbus in Seville Cathedral, Spain, was abruptly halted by hundreds of demonstrators, European supporters, and local anarchists and squatters.

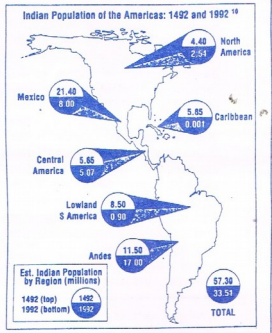
The same month 30-50,000 marched through Xela in Guatemala to protest the planned 'celebrations'.

The Spanish CNT (anarcho-syndicalist) has called for a total boycott and sabotage of any 500 Years 'celebrations'

In Liverpool the anti-500 campaign has already forced local government to change 'celebrations' to 'commemorations' on the advertising. There have been, and will be, many more actions. If you know of any, please send us an account for a future article.

The destruction of the Native Americans was the commencement of a process which has now spread world-wide.

Indian Population of the Americas: 1492 and 1992 [10]



MORE DESTRUCTION, MORE RESISTANCE

It wasn't a tall-ship that docked in Liverpool on March 3, but a boatload of Malaysian hardwood. And it wasn't greeted by visiting royalty, but a 400-strong blockade of of environmental direct-actionists, including Irish, German, and US contingents. Cranes were occupied. Many demonstrators were arrested and held in a giant 'chicken-coop'. All were released when Liverpool dockers threatened to strike.

There have been similar actions in Germany and Australia, while in Sarawak itself, the displaced Penan and Dayak tribes have fought back staunchly with blockades and sabotage, sometimes supported by activists from Europe and the US, 8 of whom were deported from Sarawak after spending months in jail with Penang blockaders. Thousands of Native people have joined blockades at Long Ajeng and Sungai since 1989. Jake Burbridge of Earth First! UK who was one of the 8 jailed, says; **"Things cannot get much worse. The Penan and Dayaks face total destruction of their forests by 1995".**

All over the planet, in Australia, Philippines, E. Timor, Indonesia, and all over the Americas, tribal peoples are being displaced and their lifestyles destroyed by the clique of rich parasites who plunder the world's wealth. 73% of the world's natural resources are owned by 50 giant corporations. Every day, 50 species of flora and fauna become extinct. Meantime, at the "Earth Sunumit" in Brazil, the yes-men put their heads together and swap dandruff. They change nothing. Real change comes from below. In one Brazilian province the bosses' hit-men have murdered 173 activists since 1980, but the struggle continues.

The genetic ark is being destroyed by the robber-barons. We must stop them before it gets too late. GET INVOLVED.

Source : Counter Information

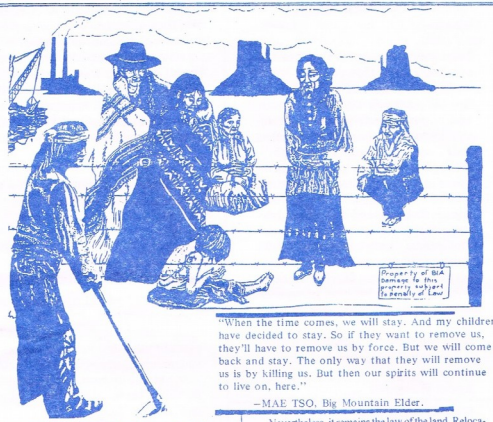
-Leonard Peltier and Big Mountain: 500 Years of Resistance Continues

This year, 1992, marks the 500 year anniversary of the Columbus expedition, which many governments and corporations are celebrating as an 'encounter of cultures.' The counter-movement to this, loosely organised under the banner of '500 years of resistance,' seeks to counter the prevailing mythology about the Columbus voyages, and many people in Europe and the Americas are organizing cultural and educational events towards that end.

The indigenous people of North America are survivors of a holocaust of inmeasurable proportions. Re-examination of American history is a moral necessity for the U.S. as a whole, and a difficult thing for the individual. On the one hand, when many non-Indian people look at events of the past, they cannot help but acknowledge that what occurred was an atrocity motivated by racism and greed, and many people see cause for shame. On the other hand, we all know we cannot change the past, most of us like to think that given the chance we would surely do better, and furthermore most Americans have been led to believe that all these bad things ended with the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890. Consequently, many people feel there is little or nothing to be done about it now.

If this examination of the past is going to have any meaning for the future, however, it is necessary to look beyond 1890 and and also assess the fate of Indian people in the 20th century, which is nearly over, and about which most non-Indians know next to nothing. The Indian wars did not end 100 years ago but have continued throughout this century, in a more sophisticated form but with just as disastrous consequences for Indian people.

A few general points must be borne in mind in any discussion of these issues. First of all, it must be remembered that treaties are the supreme law of the land and they are made only between soveriegn nations. The U.S. does not make treaties with individual states or minority populations. This is a fact often forgotten or trivialised and this issue of native sovereignty is at the heart of every traditional land struggle in North America. Secondly, when the reservation system was set up, Indians were pushed into the lands nobody else wanted because those lands were not arable or good for grazing. In the 20th century it was discovered that most of the nations mineral reserves (coal, shale oil, natural gas and, most importantly, uranium) lie under this undesirable land.



"When the time comes, we will stay. And my children have decided to stay. So if they want to remove us, they'll have to remove us by force. But we will come back and stay. The only way that they will remove us is by killing us. But then our spirits will continue to live on, here."

–MAE TSO, Big Mountain Elder.

So once again, Indian people found themselves in the way of progress. Which leads to the third point, which is that the U.S. government has throughout the 20th century colluded with private interests, particularly the energy conglomerates, in order to violate any treaty made with the Indian nations and thereby get its hands on the little land these people had left. A central plank in this strategy was the establishment of the tribal council system, which gave the appearance of native autonomy but was in fact controlled by the Department of Interior. Tribal councils were opposed by most Indian tribes, but they are the only Indian voice recognised by the federal government and they are empowered to do nothing but sell or lease tribal land. The U.S. government has made it clear that it will stop at nothing to get this land. In recent years it has acted with particular ruthlessness at Big Mountain in Arizona and Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Big Mountain is one community in the Black Mesa region of the Navaho Reservation where right now, today, hundreds of Dine families (Dine is the traditional Navajo's name for themselves) are facing imminent forced removal from their homes on Indian land so that Peabody Coal can expand their Black Mesa operation, already the largest stripmine in the world: These people, who live in some of the last traditional Native communities in North America, have been fighting relocation for the last 16 years.

In 1974 Congress enacted Public Law 93-531, which mandated the relocation of 10,000 Dine people. This was supposedly done to resolve a land dispute between Navajo and Hopi, who have lived side by side for centuries, but the dispute was a hoax, fabricated in order to secure title for the execution of mineral development leases on Black Mesa. PL 93-531 was itself the capstone of several decades of lies and legal maneuvers too numerous and complex to describe here. There also isn't to describe the fate of thousands of Dine who have already relocated, more than half of whom are now homeless, or the hardships and harrassment endured by those who have chosen to remain on the land. Suffice to say that in 1980 the fourth Russell Tribunal, convening in Rotterdam, ruled that PL 93-531 violated the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide as well as five other international human rights covenants.

Nevertheless, it remains the law of the land. Relocation was supposed to have been completed by July 8, 1986. Things have moved slowly in part because both Peabody Coal and the U.S. government have maintained a public posture that none of this is happening, but things are coming to a head very quickly. The Bush administration wants it all wrapped up because Peabody Coal has negotiated some big deals with Japan which require immediate expansion, and the sale of this coal is expected to significantly narrow the trade deficit with the Japanese. So we have every reason to believe that the axe will fall for good in the summer of 1992, and the dramatic increase in harrassment of people on the land last autumn bears this out.

The Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation in South Dakota sits on top of the largest uranium deposits in the U.S. Uranium mining has long been opposed by the traditional Lakotas but in the early 1970s Pine Ridge had a tribal council headed by a man named Dick Wilson who favoured uranium development and routinely murdered or assaulted his opponents. This situation led the traditional Lakotas to ask the American Indian Movement (AIM) for help, which resulted in the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973

Leonard Peltier

In the backlash of the next three years, scores of Indian people at Pine Ridge were murdered and hundreds more were victims of violent assaults. The vast majority of these crimes have never been investigated, even though the FBI had jurisdiction and maintained at the time the highest ratio of agents to civilians found anywhere in the country. The FBI was in fact providing Wilsons vigilante squad with intelligence about AIM members and an impressive array of military assault weapons because the federal police was amassed at Pine Ridge for the express purpose of destroying AIM.

This reign of terror reached a climax on July 26, 1975, when two FBI agents opened fire on an AIM camp near Ogala, South Dakota, initiating a shootout in which both agents and an AIM member named Joe Stuntz were killed. Predictably, Joe Stuntz's death has never been investigated. In addition, on the day of the shootout Dick Wilson was in Washington D.C. illegally signing over one-eighth of the reservation for uranium development.

The deaths of the two agents led to more terror at Pine Ridge and eventually AIM member Leonard Peltier was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences for aiding and abetting in their deaths. He has spent the last 15 years in a federal prison for a crime he did not commit, convicted and sentenced on the basis of evidence and testimony which the government acknowledged over a decade ago was false. Leonard was recently denied an evidentiary hearing in his latest effort to get a new trial, and there is a renewed effort to get Congress to convene hearings on the matter.

The two situations briefly described here reflect a pattern whose outlines can be traced all over the continent. The Columbus Quintcentennial is undoubtably raising the issues of historical injustice and cultural genocide, but these issues are being raised with all eyes squarely on the past. Our crocodile tears will not help Crazy Horse and will dom even less for his descendants. Reality in Indian country today means total unemployment and forced sterilisation and and forced relocation and malnutrition. It means having the highest rate of infant mortality and the lowest life expectancy. It means chronic injustice and political assassination. All these things are acts of war, pure and simple, and the citizens of the U.S. need to recognize that these things occur, and also recognize the degree to which they profit from their occurrence. This is especially true of people who count themselves as part of the movement for progressive social change in the U.S. and elsewhere, because the moral integrity of the movement, like the moral integrity of the nation, rests with its ability to face the wrongs still being done to the native people of North America. The struggles to stop relocation at Big Mountain and gain justice for Leonard Peltier are both good places to start.

For more information about Leonard Peltier or to donate toward his legal expenses etc. contact: The Leonard Peltier Defence Committee, P.O. box 583, Lawrence, KS 66044, 913/842-5774.(U.S.A.)

To donate directly to Dine resistors at Big Mountain contact: Support for Future Generations, P.O. box 22134, Flagstaff, AZ 86002. Another group involved in direct action/direct aid projects at Big Mountain is The Veterans Peace Action Teams, P.O. box 743, Winslow, AZ 86047, 602/289-4460.

Authors: Mary McLaughlin (Seattle Leonard Peltier Support Group) Arthur Miller (Bayou La Rose, Red Knife Defense/Support Committee) and Pete Murney (Support for Native Sovereignty, Seattle Big Mountain Support Group)

OPINION

Visions of @narchy

Dear Comrades,
I has a vision of a society where we were truely free, unbureaucratic and self-governing. We had no schools but we learned to read and write, we had no church but we knew right and wrong, we had no hierarchial organisations yet we knew what had to be done and we did it.

I had a vision where men and women lived together as one without discrimination or predjudice. Everyone had their differences and we let them be. There was no racism because there was only one race; humankind. We had no religious bigotry because there was only one religion; humanity. And we had no war because there was only one want; harmony.

I had a vision of a society where there were no castles, mansions or slums. There was no poverty, unemployment or hardship. Everyone had work to do but no-one need to work too hard or too easy - unless there was a crisis.

And I had a vision where we had no mayors, corporate managers, politicians or police for there were no laws to be enforced and no laws to be made. We had no use for money or need for crime for if we wanted something it was there for the taking or it was able to be bartered for something else.

For years I sought a name for this sort of society and in this vision I was told that this society is anarchist and to go forth and tell the world of the vision.

Will you follow the vision also?
Miles, Napier

Conference and Propaganda

Wellington Anzac-day conference very much enjoyed. I hope others found it as worthwhile, and that the movement will carry on all the better for having this 2nd Annual. That will depend on what happened at the closing stage, which sadly my daughter and I had to miss. Great that the men got together to discuss sexuality without all the usual pub-macho crap; and without it being a cringe-move placating the accusing feminine finger, as the conventional "men's group" tends to be. While letting women in eventually is still a good idea, I think we need more of the same next conference, when the men will be better prepared and the ice of male-to-male self-conciousness has been broken.

Propoganda by word is a vital part of anarchism, more than ever in a mass-media world where the New Right maintain the monopoly-capitalist momentum of phony western-type 'democracies' by dumping shit on a little less than half each country's citizenry, propogandizing them to think of themselves as **Loosers** rather than **Victims.** As I've written before in TSA, the economics that hurts and deprives and destroys the planet, while creating 'beautiful- people' lifestyles for the powerful few (and their pets) - that economics is not a kind of floating fact, but has deep, deep roots in mind-control going back to religiosity, sex-class-race divisive structures, aristocracy, feudalism, tribalism and the institutionalized rot that is the result of these 'systems' decaying without dying.
Brian, Wanganui

FLATMATES WANTED!
Vegetarian flatmates wanted in Sandringham (Auckland) house, with big garden and solar water heating. $70 p.w. + expenses. Phone 695-978.

The Anarchists Society engaged in a lively game of follow the leader.

Mammals Threaten Environment

Tim (TSA 20, Opinion), one of the most destructive environmental problems in Aotearoa is the presence of introduced mammals.

Aotearoa's unique flora and fauna have evolved in the absence of mammals (with the exeption of the native bat). Most endangered species are especially threatened by rats, cats, possums, rabbits, sheep and goats which totally destroy the native environ and destroy the native fauna.

Humans who watch too much or whose vision is defined by the confines of external dogma tend to evaluate animals in terms of ideology (i.e. cats, rabbits etc: 'To Be Saved') ruling them, not in the wider context of the world. If you care for Aotearoas endangered trees, insects, reptiles and birds; **ACT.** Eliminate these destructive by-products of the Honkey invasion (did you ever wonder why there are no birds in the 'domestic cat' suburbs?) I use a small high-powered air rifle. Work in silence, will invisability and kill humanely, do not waste the by-products of these pests; respect the environment and cold, hungry people.

When there are no walls vision has no restriction...question all ideologies.
For Love,
For Will.
Bruce, Central Auckland

Oz cops and Heroin Trafficking

In the last 15 years I have been a lone worker against heroin trafficing. 10 years in Australia has opened my eyes to the type of things that has gone on. Police undercover agents acting under supervision higher up have been responsible for 90% of heroin coming into Australia and New Zealand.

TACTICS USED IN AUSTRALIA (PERTH, QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY)

Undercover sells to people from different houses, if the person is in the good books with police they walk out unharmed. If they are disliked the word goes out to a roving police car which picks up a suspect around the corner, throws them in the lockup and eventually lock them up for periods of up to 20 years.

Most heroin sold in countries like Malaysia and the Philippines are sold by undercover police working in conjunction with NZ and Australian police. Money used to buy heroin is taxpayer money granted by government all over the world.

I have had lots of run-ins with the Queensland top drug police called Duncans Raiders. They are vicious. I was smashed by 10-15 gun butts, and also I was locked to a rack for a period of up to 1 hour. In the past 15 years I have been trying to expose undercover police activities to the public. It was only in the last few weeks just gone that this has opened up several channels: First the jailing of a police undercover in Christchurch recently.

Second the attempt by police to cover up for undercover police during court cases. I have inquestionable proof of some of the tactics used by these so-called undercover operations - Killing of a friend in Kurada, Queensland. He was shot in the back by an undercover heroin dealer.

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Police Story:- He was running in the fog and then shot with a magnum 44 hand gun. 12 months later on the anniversary I organised a concert on the land where he was shot and called it JOG IN THE FOG.(3500 turned up) The police **threatened to shoot me** but I'm still here.

Another killing was done by undercover police in a place on the tablelands called Gulatten. 4 motorbikes rode in and shot 2 friends of mine and burnt down thier house to cover all clues. They used police radios to do the job of survaillance. They tried to pick me up in Oaky beach but we were more organised than them.
Raymond, Australia

Homebrew

I can't understand why so many people regularly spend so much money on alcohol which is 50% tax straight to the regime, when they can easily produce their own at one-tenth of the price of the commercial stuff!

— Aaron, Auckland.

ALF Bust Fund

An Animal Liberation Front (ALF) activist in Christchurch has been given a $700 fine. A fund to help him him out has been set up via *TSA*, so if you are able to help out with fin financial contributions, please forward them to: "Bust Fund"
C/o P.O. Box 78-104,
Grey Lynn,
Auckland.

If you require a receipt please enclose enclose a 45c SAE.

The Bust Fund will run until early April, when it will be handed on to the agency handling the fine.

TAPES

SMUT

This is the second release from Wellington punkers **SMUT**, and a goodie it is. Tidily printed cover with a SMUT patch inside it. Good clear recording with chainsaw guitar (a little too much so in parts) this tape shows the bands development musically since their first release.

$10 post-paid is what you can score this tape for from the Anarchy Orgn - address on page 10.

ZINES

Sekhmet *3
The magazine of the Anarcha-Feminist Federation of Aotearoa, this issue contains articles on the right to abortion, Beyond Feminism: Anarchism and Human Freedom, Mujres Libres - an anarchist group established in April 1936 that pioneered the feminist cause in Spain, a comic strip on the evolution of contemporary feminist thought, cyber-punk and letters as well. Send a couple of dollars for a copy to: AFFA, P.O. Box 876, Auckland.

Heat This Up
Previously called Hit This Up, this issue, like the previous one, includes a tape of Dunedin bands (I think) called "Money, Madness, Murder. This issue also focuses more on articles and artwork with some comic strips, with a good article on distilling your own brew. Definitely not a "typical" zine, you can get this for $8 (includes cassette) from: H.T.U., P.O. Box 6279, Dunedin North.

Anarchist Age Monthly Review *24 (December 1992)
This is the publication of the Libertarian Workers for a Self-Managed Society, and a very good one at that. Always a good read, the first 20 pages are the previous four weeks of their Weekly Review, and the rest is taken up by informative articles and reviews of books etc. Easy to read large format, with plenty of graphics and cartoons. Score a copy from: LWSS, P.O. Box 20, Parkville 3052, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Send them a donation (in either Australian or US notes) and enquire about subscription costs.

Wind Chill Factor *5 (March 1992)
Although this is fairly old, it is the latest copy we have and worth reviewing: This zine hails from Chicago and is packed full of articles, news, comment, letters and loads of other stuff. Contains a good article on racism and fascism, a debate on a proposed "Blacks only" state in the US (the ins and outs of racial seperation and homelands for minority racial groups).

Again, no subscription rate listed but send 'em about $4 US and I'm sure you won't be disappointed as this zine is quite lengthy. Address is: P.O. Box 81961, Chicago, Il 60681, USA.

Profane Existence *17 (Oct/Nov 1992)
Another hot issue, always a good mix of (anti)politics and music, dealing mainly with punk & hardcore. Like so many other radical papers this year, they have articles on the Columbus Quincentennial, although they have limited it to short snippets of news from past to present on the issue in an effort to avoid merely repeating what has already been said in other papers, and by having an interview with the American Indian Movement Patrol, a group who patrol the streets of Minneapolis and run various social and sports groups in an effort to combat police racism on the streets and to restore cultural identity to young AmerIndians.

Also includes heaps of news, views, and opinions, and band interviews with Contropotere and Los Crudos. Profane Existence is now availableby mail-order from: Andrew Dove, C/o Southern Black Cross Distribution, 3 Florence Place, Tweed Heads, 2485 NSW, Australia. $3 Australian currency for a single copy, $17.40 for six issues. (Cheques payable to A. Dove.

Love & Rage (March 1992)
Somewhat old issue now, but it comes out regularly so I'm sure several more have come out since we received this one. Good source of anarchist news from around the globe, Anarchist Black Cross news,and a write-up on the Anarchist Youth Federation. The interesting bit about this zine is the printing of four pages at the back in Spanish. Send them a few dollars for the latest issue to: Love & Rage, P.O. Box 3, Prince St Station, NY, NY10012.

Lantern Waste *1 (September 1992)
This is a new zine of social and cultural criticism from Sydney. Tidy format, contains articles on technology, the former Soviet Union, the Los Angeles riots, religion, and well thought-out reviews, one or two of which will cause a stir. Send a donation for a copy to: Lantern Waste, P.O. Box 346, Petersham, NSW 2049, Australia.

Sunburn *8
This issue has improved immensly on the typesetting front i.e. you can read it without having to strain your eyes. Good source of news on the alternative music scene in Aotearoa. I particularly liked the description of Dunedin Band Cirrhosis..."They're a Dunedin band playing, as far as I can gather, straight death metal originals, who just happen to be vegans and have a lawyer as lead singer."

Lots of reviews keep you up-to-date with what's happening without having to wade through heaps of crap like in Rip It Up.

I think this is available from P.O. Box 16-358, Christchurch, going by the address in the previous issue.

Affiliated @ Groups –

Anarcha-Feminist Federation of Aotearoa
PO Box 876 Auckland
PO Box 318 Wellington

@@@ (Auckland Section)
P.O. Box 78-104,
Grey Lynn,
Auckland.

Anarchy Organisation
PO Box 14-156
Kilbirnie
Wellington

Committee for the Establishment of Civilisation
PO Box 318
Wellington

Random Print Co-operative
PO Box 78-104
Grey Lynn
Auckland

S' Anarchy
PO Box 7100
Wanganui

Waipawa @narchist Collective
102 Abbotsford Road,
Waipawa.

Anarchist Books

A range of anarchist books are available from Lorax Clothing located at:

164 Rattray St,
Dunedin Central.

T-shirts

CAPITALISM GIVES OPPORTUNITIES IN LIFE

ANARCHY GIVES LIFE

This design printed on T-shirts is now available from @@@. White print on black shirts, at present only available in size XL, for $15. All proceeds go to TSA.

GATHERINGS

16 January – @@@ (Auckland Section) monthly meeting. Note that it is being held two weeks into January due to the holiday period. Venue is: Loud Dork Cafe, 5 College Hill, Ponsonby.

January 30 – Opening of the now-named anarchist bookshop at 5 College Hill, Ponsonby. 11.30am. Name of the shop is: *Books from the Black Lagoon*.

February 6 – @@@ (Auckland Section) monthly meeting at Loud Dork Cafe. 1.30pm.

March 6 – @@@ (Auckland Section) monthly meeting. 1.30pm at the Loud Dork Cafe.

Don't forget the annual Anarchist Conference Conference coming up on ANZAC weekend, April 24 & 25. If you are wanting to run a workshop then get in touch with the C.E.C. in Wellington a couple of months beforehand beforehand to let them know of your plans.

CONFERENCE

This year the annual Anarchist Conference was held over two days; April 25 & 26. Things kicked off at around 10.30am with the usual introductions and opening discussion. The timetable had been left fairly open to allow for any necessary changes as it's hard to tell exactly how many people will show up etc., until the event starts.

I arrived a little late due to helping clean up at the gig the night before, so things were under way. The amount of people there was heartening; I guess over the weekend over 100,000,050 people had attended, with a higher ratio of women than last year.

The workshops were better run than last year, due to the Conference organising being started earlier in the year and people feeling a bit more confident than the previous year. I won't go into much detail as to what was discussed at each workshop as this would take up too much room, but the topics covered a wide range including: non-violent direct action, anarcha-feminism, street theatre, vegan cooking, situationism, writing for magazines, community creation, NZ military activities, as well as a few spontaneous happenings like a mens' group meeting discussing how men are brought up, conditioned etc.

Participant involvement in the various workshops was good; some lending themselves more to this involvement than others (such as the non-violent direct action workshop, which involved setting up scenarios) rather than being more like lectures.

The bookstalls offered a large selection of anarchist and related topic books and pamphlets, many of which sold well.

The only real drawbacks that I can recall were that by the end of both days, people were beginning to feel drained. This was especially so on the Sunday afternoon/early evening, which is a shame because by the time we got back together for a group discussion to evaluate the Conference and discuss the very important topic of "Future directions of the anarchist movement", people were either beginning to leave or were just feeling too drained to offer much in the way of ideas. I feel that this is a subject that needs more attention, otherwise we run the risk of ambling on aware of what we want but without enough thought put into how to achieve it.

In all, I found the Conference very inspiring, the organisation was well done and the food (lunches, refreshments, and the dinner on Saturday night, all avaiable for a donation) was brilliant - great work all those involved! However, as this report is written some time after the event I feel the need to comment on one thing: it was great to see so many people there, but now that everyone has gone off back to their home-towns things have not picked up as much as I hoped they would. Why not get involved in the already existing anarchist groups, or look at setting one up if there isn't one in your town?

- Ross Gardiner.

Treaty of Waitangi

When, at the April Anarchist Conference, the subject of the Treaty of Waitangi was raised, the response, or rather, the lack of it, was noticeable. Few anarchists it would seem, have ever been challenged to respond to this issue. How does anarchism relate, or fail to relate to the struggle of Maori people? I'm not condemning anyone for the lack of response as I don't feel capable of making a knowledgable response myself, so I think it's time we did some thinking about these issues.

To begin with, we need to look at the real history of this country, and understand the extent to which the New Zealand Government has succeeded in convincing the population of the legitimacy of its' rule. In fact, it is the descendant of an imperialist administration established by early Pakeha settlers in a few coastal towns, which went on to conquer the rest of the country. In the process it destroyed or ignored other administrations and centres of resistence by use of its' own self-legitimising legal system, backed by pure force. Examples of these attacks, beginning with the wars from 1845 to 1872, also include armed attacks on Parihaka in 1892 and Maungapohatu in 1916, right up to the clearing of Bastion Point in 1978.

Other administrations with at least equal legitimacy to the New Zealand Government include the original Maori tribal structure, that of the Maori King in Waikato, and the Maori Parliament of 1892 to 1902.

Presumably, as anarchists, we don't support proposals that merely seek to replace the existing State with another or to somehow fit a Maori authority into the existing set-up, but if we reject these options we have to offer an alternative....; what?

- Sam Buchanan.

@@@ Auckland meetings

Following the success of the conference in Wellington, one was called in Auckland for Saturday June 6. The aim of the conference was to get a bit more activity going and to draw new people together. Due to a fault on my part, the mailout was done only a week beforehand, but the turnout was still about 35. A number of topics were discussed at the workshops and group sessions, with the group deciding to establish itself as a section of the Anarchist Alliance of Aotearoa, rather than using this title soley as the name of the TSA mailbox and as an umbrella-group title of the various anarchist groups around the country. So...the Anarchist Alliance of Aotearoa (Auckland section) meets at 1pm on the first Saturday of each month at the Loud Dork Cafe, 5 College Hill, Ponsonby. Come along with your ideas!

The best thing to come out of these meetings (and out of another Auckland group called ARM) is the establishment of an anarchist bookshop. In do-it-yourself fashion we have built it ourselves, and it also is located at 5 College Hill. See the "Gatherings" column for details of the shops' opening day.

- Ross Gardiner.

Re-inventing the @narchist Wheel

"Re-inventing the anarchist wheel" is a term we've borrowed from Melbourne's Anarchist Age Monthly Review to describe the coming and going of anar-

chist groups over the years. As the term implies, often each successive generation of anarchists has been forced to do a lot of groundwork to find out their predecessors history, as well as to help find out where they stand as anarchists, successes and failures, etc. Often we are unaware of previous generations activities, and end up in a situation rather like 're-inventing the wheel'.

Unfortunately, to the best of our knowledge, no anarchist groups or publications have survived here for more than a few years, perhaps even a decade at most, coming and going depending on the enthusiasm of those involved. Some anarchists in Christchurch have managed to find out a lot about anarchist history in Aotearoa, but to avoid more of our history being lost to the depths of time, we recommend that any group or individual who produces anarchist literature to send a copy to:

C.I.R.A.

Avenue de Beaumont 24,

CH - 1012 Lausanne,

Switzerland.

C.I.R.A. is the largest anarchist library in the world and is worth a visit if you are travelling through Switzerland. They put out a quarterly catalogue of their latest aquisitions, and photocopies of material in the library you are interested in can be made for a donation to cover expenses.

All zines and leaflets sent to @@@(Ak Section) are kept in the Frank Oldman Memorial Library, located in the new @ bookshop *Books from the Black Lagoon.*

The Anarchist Alliance of Aotearoa is a (dare we say it) 'nation'-wide federation of anarchist groups who recognise the "Aims and Principles" drawn up at the 1991 anarchist conference. Further groups wanting to affiliate should get in touch with The State Adversary stating that they recognise the "Aims and Principles", and giving a brief write-up of their group.

Being an affiliated group does not mean you have to be a large group of people, or highly active with a lot of resources, just a group of people who get together to discuss and co-ordinate their ideas and activities with others - not to be told what to do. A group may discuss a particular activity or action, but only those in favour will perform it, instead of everyone being compelled to follow the "party line", as is the case in many political and social groups.

When there may be a more specific focus. it may lead to a new group being formed (as has happened with the formation of the Anarcha-Feminist Federation of Aotearoa). In this way, a non-authoritarian system of organising in more aspects of our lives can emerge - a step towards an anarchist society. We may or may never achieve anarchist society, but as long as we remain using a means consistent with the ends, we can have a lot of fun trying!

Anarcha-feminist Conference

On August 29th and 30th the first national Anarcha-Feminist conference was held in Wellington. About 50 - 60 women attended the conference from around the country. The workshops at the conference were; Anarchism and Anarcha-Feminism, self-defence, fighting back, a solidarity session, womens health, womens sexuality, Rape Crisis Centre, lesbian caucus, self-esteem, bisexuality, Maori feminism, and general directions for Anarcha-Feminism in New Zealand. On Friday night there was a social get aquainted dinner, and Saturday night a fundraising gig with . . . .

Archies Aunties, S.M.U.T. and Fatal Jelly Space.

There was much discussion on 'what exactly is Anarcha-Feminism?', most women present seemed reluctant to come up with concrete definitions, some women afterwards saying that they still weren't quite sure what the Anarchist/Feminist connection was all about. We came from a variety of backgrounds, Radical feminists, Punks, Dykes, Hets, Bis, McGillicuddies, annoying Trotskyite Agitators, and including a whole lot who defy categorisation - so getting a common definition proved somewhat difficult.

A large amount of the time was devoted to mens role within the Anarcha-Feminist movement, so we could FINALLY get it out of the way. Points raised were; is 'feminism' for women only, would allowing mens participation deter women, does the Anarcha-Feminist movement wish to educate men or devote its time to pro-women events,and whether a women-only group is contradictory to Anarchist principles. We decided to stick with the Anarcha-Feminist conferences being a womanspace, but to encourage men to participate in Anarcha-Feminist workshops at wider Anarchist conferences.

On Saturday afternoon there was a solidarity session with some of the Anarchist men, to which a significant number of the women preferred not to attend. Ways were discussed by which Anarchist men can help the Anarcha-Feminist movement, suggestions being that they set up their own groups to counteract sexist attitudes and behaviour as of course this should not be just left up to women - some women feel they haven't the energy or prefer not to also educate men.

Highlights of the weekend were the self-esteem workshop, everybody leaving with enormous stupid grins on their faces - choice one Brenda! And the extremely enlightening workshop with the Rape Crisis women, in which we found similarities with Anarchist methods of organisation, and the choice bands that played on the Saturday night.

Thanks to the Wellington Anarcha-Feminists for organising the weekend, Simone for the great gig, the women from Rape Crisis and self defence, and Alice's boyfriend for the cooking.

Lyn and KT

Fundraising Appeal

You may have noticed that it has been a over six months since the last issue of TSA appeared. Once again the main problem is the same old anarchist sob-story...money, or rather, its absence. We have had a bit of trouble getting this issue together, with the cost of printing and postage being the main hassle. We exchange TSA with other (mainly overseas) publications to keep informed on what is happening about the place, and send free copies to prisoners and some relevant organisations. We do not have a set subscription policy as we prefer to offer TSA for what people can afford. Unfortunately, doing so is financially breaking us. To this end we are again appealing for help. If we are to continue offering anarchist comment on current events and various topics in general, we need to be able to produce a new issue at least quarterly to remain relevant rather than just general passing comment. To do this we need regular cashflow, and just as importantly, we need to be kept informed of what is happening in other areas. If you want to report a demo, strike, news item, or just an idea, please send it in. We can't promise to use everything, but we'll try!

Suggested dates for quarterly publication are an issue every March, June, September and December. A yearly contribution of $5 minimum, plus the odd written contribution would help us achieve this.

Thanks for any help you can offer.

On October 3rd, a fundraising dinner was held in Auckland to help raise funds to put out this issue of TSA. Around 40 people attended and $115 was raised. The organisers would like to thank all those who attended for their support.

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Hemp for the future

HEMP has been supplying human needs for over 6,000 years, but has been illegal for the last 64.

Hemp for ecology

Most of our basic raw materials used for home and industry today come from mining, drilling and cutting trees. Using farm crops to make these same products means that we can stop destroying our environment and still maintain standards of living.

Hemp has thousands of practical uses: paper, food, fuel, textiles, oils, medicines, sealants etc. Almost anything that's now made of wood or oil can be made more ecologically with hemp.

Hemp is a hearty, drought resistant, soil building plant that is excellent for crop rotation. It does not need heavy fertilization or pesticide use: in fact, an organic pesticide is made from hemp! Its strong roots control erosion, and hemp plays an important role in reforestation, weed eradication, wildlife habitat and cleaning the air.

Help restore hemp and ecological balance to the world.

Hemp saves trees

Averaged over a 20 year period, one acre of hemp produces as much pulp as 4 acres of forest. Hemp farming could reduce deforestation by 50% or more worldwide. It can be made into fibre board or particle board to replace wood for construction, mould making and commercial fabrication.

In the Commonwealth of Independant States (ex-USSR) they are producing 250,000 tons of hemp annually for pulp, and in France 8,000 hectares are being grown. More recently, a crop has been planted in Tasmania.

Hemp has been used to make paper for thousands of years. It lasts longer than paper made from wood and is of better quality. Hemp paper production also uses only 10-20% of the toxic sulphur chemicals needed to process wood, and causes far less wear and tear on the harvesting and hauling equipment.

Not only is the paper made from hemp a better quality product than wood paper, but because of its elasticity, it's better to recycle.

Also, because it only takes 6-8 months to grow to harvestable size (unlike pine which takes 30 years) hemp production requires far less land.

Hemp as cloth

80% of textiles were made from hemp up until the 1820s. These textiles were used for clothing and also as sails for ships.

Hemp builds soil

The strong roots of the hemp plant anchor and invigorate the soil to control erosion and mudslides. Hemp is self-fertilizing and can grow on the same ground for decades without needing fertilizers and pesticides.

Hemp plants shed their leaves all through the growing season, adding rich organic matter to the topsoil and helping it to retain moisture.

In contrast, pine trees tend to leach the soil and drop dead needles which acidify the soil and cause podsolisation (infertile soil).

Hemp can choke out weeds like thistle and can be used in crop rotation to keep weeds down and soil healthy.

Hemp instead of plastic

Hemp pulp and fibre offer a completely biodegradable alternative to plastic for many uses. Hemp paper bags, for example, are more durable than wood pulp paper and can be reinforced with hemp fibre for all the folding and tensile strength of plastic bags. Or, hemp cellulose can be polymerized to make any type of plastic product - without using petroleum.

Hemp instead of fossil fuel & nuclear power

Hemp is one of the fastest growing plants known, and its pulp is 77% cellulose. Using hemp, other crops, trash and the existing technology, we can become energy self-sufficient.

"Biomass" could replace nuclear energy and virtually all fossil fuels, save oil reserves and reduce our trade deficit - without any offshore drilling, strip mining, oil spills or radioactivity. A hemp spill requires no cleanup and actually enriches the soil.

Hemp can be processed with a pyrolitic converter to meet a wide range of energy needs: clean burning charcoal instead of coal, methanol instead of petroleum, methane gas instead of natural gas, etc. All these can be burned to generate electricity. So long oil wars and oil shortages.

It costs us millions of dollars a year for imported oil, but if hemp cultivation was legal, this drain on our money could be quickly stopped.

Methanol, less damaging to the environment than petrol, can easily be produced from cellulose. Hemp produces more cellulose than any other plant. At over 20 barrels of methanol per acre of hemp, it is a good renewable source of energy.

In the 1930s, Henry Ford grew hemp to show how cheap it was to run cars on. The response from the oil industry was to lower the price of oil so much that petrol was cheaper, so the hemp-powered car never became popular.

That was, until the oil crises.

A new process has now been invented that makes it fifty times cheaper and also faster to produce methanol from hemp than it was in the 1930s.

Over 1.2 million cars in Brazil run on methanol. Heavy vehicles with centralized fuel depots (such as buses) have also taken advantage of methanol. Diesel motors apparently require little adaptation to run on methanol. Petrol motors don't perform that well on methanol until their compression ratio is lowered, but will give more "miles to the gallon" than petrol will.

Hemp for food & vegetable oil

Hemp seed, 30% oil by volume, can be used for fuel and cooking oil. The seed is about as nutritious as the soya bean, and is more digestable, gives higher yields and is easier to harvest. Wild animals and birds thrive on it!

Hemp for the future

Many people mistakenly think hemp is no longer an economically viable crop. As you now know, hemp is still one of the most versatile crops on earth. But if this is so, you may wonder, why is it not far more widely used? Well, besides the example of pressure from the oil industry, the massive timber companies also played a large role in getting hemp outlawed. Their reasoning: hemp would drastically reduce their profits.

Another argument against hemp stems from the fact that hemp is a strain of (shock, horror!) marijuana. Those still for prohibition of hemp envisage hordes of drug-crazed wierdos raiding hemp plantations so that they can get stoned. Sorry to disappoint you folks, but that argument falls flat because of the way hemp is grown; it has little of the psychoactive properties of "normal" marijuana - i.e. it's not good for getting stoned!

Grown close together, the plant is mostly stalk (fibre) and what little bud is produced is fertilized because hemp is grown with male and female plants together. This means any available resin has gone into seed production, leaving very low quality leafy heads. Bummer huh?.

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